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SUBJECT: PRC STATEMENTS ON U.S. RESPONSE TO SEIZURE OF
MAYAGUEZ

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1. WE ARE SENDING YOU BY SEPTELS EXCERPTS FROM WHITE
HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 15 AND SECRETARY'S
PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 16. (SECRETARY SAW REFTEL BEFORE
PRESS CONFERENCE.) ALTHOUGH THESE DO NOT GIVE FULL
DETAILS OF OUR CONTACTS WITH CHINESE, THE NET EFFECT OF
THE STATEMENTS IS THAT WE ASKED THE CHINESE TO CONVEY A
MESSAGE TO THE CAMBODIANS, THAT 24 HOURS LATER THEY
RETURNED THE MESSAGE TO US, AND THAT WE DO NOT KNOW
WHETHER THE PRC DID IN FACT CONTACT THE CAMBODIANS AS
RESULT OF OUR APPROACHES.

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2. AT PRESENT, WE THINK IT BEST TO LET THE RECORD STAND AS
IS, RATHER THAN ELABORATING ON IT. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW
IF SITUATION CHANGES.

3. SEPTTEL ALSO REPORTS GLEYSTEN'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF
MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR WITH HAN HSU. KISSINGER

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